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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): T. MASUDA, et al

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For: PLASMA ETCHING APPARATUS AND PLASMA ETCHING METHOD

Group: 1763

Examiner: A. Mulero

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 6, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicant(s) hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing of a response within the third month subsequent to the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed December 6, 2002. A payment in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (520.34403CV4).

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